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Personal Watercraft Fatality at Lake Perris

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is investigating a personal watercraft fatality at Lake Perris State Recreation Area (SRA). The accident occurred shortly after 6 pm on Tuesday, July 2, 2002, when a collision occurred between two personal watercraft. Matthew Steven Tanghe, 11, of Poway, died of injuries resulting from the accident. Nathan Ray Peterson, 19, of Hemet, sustained critical injuries and was transported to Riverside County Hospital. Nicholas Clinton Lee, 20, of Hemet, sustained minor injuries in the collision.

A vessel accident investigation is being led by State Park Peace Officers with the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Lake Perris SRA is located 11 miles southeast of Riverside via Highway 60 or I-215.

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